

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED: October 11, 1990 **FILE SECTOR:** STUDENTS
DATE REVISED: September 19, 1996 **POLICY TITLE:** STUDENT USE OF TWO-WAY
DATE REVISED: June 19, 1997 **COMMUNICATION DEVICES**
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Grades PK-8

Student use or possession of communication devices such as cellphones, walkie talkies, etc. on school premises owned or rented by or under the control of the Medford Area Public School District is prohibited except that a student may use or possess these devices for the purpose of communicating outside the instructional day. During the instructional day all communication devices shall be stored in the student's locker / storage area and turned off. Use may be permitted during the instructional day if the administration finds that such a device is required for medical, school, educational, vocational, or other legitimate needs. Decisions on requests for exception to this prohibition will be made on a case-by-case basis by a building administrator or his/her designee. Communication devices are not allowed to be used under any circumstances in locker rooms and/or bathrooms.

Any student found violating this policy may be required to surrender the communication device and be subject to disciplinary action.

Grade 9-12

The Medford Area Senior High school understands the appropriate use of 21st century technology devices. Furthermore, it is the district's desire that all students learn and use appropriate technology etiquette. Electronic communications devices covered by this policy include, but are not limited to, cellular phones and other wireless hand-held devices, MP3 player (iPods), cameras, and paging devices.

Student use of electronic communication devices is allowed before and after school, during passing periods in the hallways, Honors Study Hall and lunch periods. The expectations for student use of electronic devices within classrooms will be determined by each classroom teacher. Use of electronic communication devices are prohibited in bathrooms and locker rooms at all times. The use of electronic communication devices while on field trips or other school sponsored activities will be at the discretion of the advisor/coach. Electronic communication devices may never be used in a manner that will cause disruption to the educational environment or invade the privacy of another individual. The school district will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of any electronic or digital device brought to school.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to school disciplinary action and possible legal referral, if applicable. The building principal and his/her designee shall be responsible for enforcing this policy.

CROSS REFERENCE:

LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.258 & 120.13(1) Wis. Stats.